

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings and versions of claims in the application. The listing of claims below shows revisions with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts and/or double bracketing.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A new computer acquisition method comprising:
 - surveying, by a source computer, components of the source computer, wherein the surveying results in an inventory of the components, wherein the inventory identifies hardware and software installed on the source computer, and wherein the inventory further identifies user state ~~and user settings and user preferences~~ of the source computer, and wherein the user state includes user settings that pertain to software and hardware installed on the source computer and to peripheral devices capable of being coupled to the source computer;
 - receiving, from a user of the source computer, a selection of various of the components identified in the inventory;
 - packing, by the source computer, the user state and the user-selected components except any user-selected hardware components into a migration file;
 - predicting, based on the inventory, other hardware and ~~and~~ other software that is potentially of interest to the user;
 - presenting, to the user by the source computer, options for the new computer, wherein the options include pricing and available configurations of the new computer and available upgrades relative to the source computer, wherein the available upgrades comprise the predicted other hardware and ~~and~~ other software;

receiving, from the user by the source computer, a selection of various of the presented options;

providing, by the source computer, information to a [[the]] vendor, wherein the information comprises the inventory and the migration file and the selection of the various of the presented options, and wherein the information is configured to enable the vendor to migrate, from the migration file, the ~~various of the components~~ user-identified components and in the inventory, the user state, ~~the user settings~~, and the ~~user preferences~~ to the new computer, and to install the selected various of the presented options ~~selected by the user~~ onto the new computer.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein the components comprise peripherals coupled to the source computer.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
downloading a migration tool from the vendor onto the source computer,
wherein the migration tool operating on the source computer performs at least the surveying.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 3 wherein the migration tool is under the dominion of the vendor.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
loading a migration tool onto the source computer, wherein the migration tool
operating on the source computer performs at least the surveying, and
wherein the migration tool is under the dominion of the vendor, and wherein the
upgrades are available from the vendor.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
loading a migration tool onto the source computer, wherein the migration tool
operating on the source computer performs at least the surveying, and
wherein the migration tool is under the dominion of the vendor, and wherein the
upgrades are available via an Internet link to an instrumentality of a separate entity from
the vendor.
7. (Canceled)
8. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
loading a migration tool onto the source computer from a local storage medium
comprising the migration tool, wherein the migration tool operating on the source
computer performs at least the surveying.
9. (Canceled)
10. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
activating, on the new computer by the user, at least one upgrade via a
telecommunication link.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein the upgrade comprises software.

12-23. (Canceled)